

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims should be entered to replace all prior listings of the claims in this application. In accordance with Rule 121, the status of each claim is indicated parenthetically. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121; however, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that it may be resolved as expediently as possible.

1. (currently amended) A support apparatus comprising:

- ~~at least~~ two item support rails, each partially supported by ~~at least two~~ a shared rail support ~~legs that are each leg to which each of said two item support rails is coupled thereto~~ by a different pivot coupler,

- two additional rail support legs, each partially supporting a different one of said two item support rails,

wherein each of said ~~at least two~~ rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface,

wherein each of ~~at least one of~~ said pivot couplers is ~~a pivot coupler that~~ pivotally couples only one of said item support rails to ~~one of~~ said shared rail support ~~legs~~ leg, said ~~one of said shared~~ rail support ~~legs~~ leg defining a substantially vertical axis,

wherein one of said pivot couplers is established at an upper site on said shared rail support leg that is above a lower site on said shared rail support leg at which the other of said pivot couplers is established,

wherein said each of said pivot ~~coupler~~ couplers comprises separable, first and second compression elements compressed towards each other in an oppositely facing ~~orientation~~, orientation with at least one compression enhancement element, and around a rail terminus of said one of said item support rails and a portion of said ~~one of said shared~~ rail support ~~legs~~ leg,

wherein said each of said pivot ~~coupler~~ couplers enables rotatable motion of ~~said the~~ item support rail ~~about a~~ that it couples, independently about said substantially vertical axis,

wherein said each of said pivot ~~coupler~~ couplers enables independent, substantially purely vertical translatory height adjustment of ~~said a different one of~~ said item support rails relative to said ~~one of said shared~~ rail support ~~leg~~ legs ~~to which it is pivotally coupled~~,

wherein said rail terminus defines a rail terminus interface, and

wherein ~~said each of said pivot coupler couplers~~ establishes at least one cable port and a cable channel that ~~at least partially~~ directs a cable from travel in a first direction internally through the item support rails it couples and along a rail axis defined thereby, to travel through at least a portion of said cable channel in a second, different direction and out through a cable port, externally of said pivot coupler and said one of said rail support legs, through one of said at least one cable ports, through at least a portion of said cable channel, through said rail terminus interface and internally through at least a portion of said one of said item support rails

wherein said second, different direction is substantially parallel with said substantially vertical axis defined by said shared rail support leg.

2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said at least one cable ports has a diameter that is less than the diameter of any cable end connectors attached to said cable.
5. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said at least one cable port comprises a first and a second cable port.
6. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein said first cable port is an upper cable port.
7. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein said second cable port is a lower cable port.
8. (previously presented) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein each ~~said cable port~~ of said cable ports is sized to accommodate only one cable.
9. (canceled)
10. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of said ~~at least~~ two item support rails is a non-horizontal item support rail.
11. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said support apparatus is collapsible.
12. (canceled)
13. (currently amended) A support apparatus comprising:

- ~~at least two item support rails, each partially supported by at least two a shared rail support legs; support leg;~~

- two additional rail support legs, each partially supporting a different one of said two item support rails, wherein each of said rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface,

- ~~at least two pivot couplers, each coupling a different one of said item two item support rails to one of said shared rail support legs, each support leg, said shared rail support legs support leg defining a substantially vertical axis about which one of said said two pivot couplers is rotatable are independently rotatable and said two item support rails are independently rotatable;~~

wherein each of said pivot couplers couples only one of said two item support rails,

wherein each of said pivot couplers comprises separable, first and second compression elements compressed towards each other in an oppositely facing orientation with at least one compression enhancement element, and around both:

- a rail terminus of a different one of said two item support rails, and

- a portion of said shared rail support leg,

~~wherein each of said at least two rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface;~~

~~wherein said each of said pivot two pivot couplers are height is a height adjust couplers coupler that enable enables substantially purely vertical, translatable height adjustment of an item the item support rail coupled thereby independently of the substantially purely vertical, translatable height adjustment enabled by the other of said two pivot couplers,~~

~~wherein at least a portion of each of said at least two item support rails is sized to accommodate passage of two cables;~~

~~wherein at least one of said pivot two pivot couplers establishes two cable ports and a cable channel between said two cable ports, each said cable port sized to accommodate one of said cables, and~~

~~wherein each of said cables passes from externally of said one of said rail support legs, through at least a portion of said cable channel, through one of said cable ports to internally of said one of said item support rails.~~

wherein said cable channel guides a cable from travel in a first direction through a rail terminus interface defined by a coupled item support rail, through at least a

portion of said cable channel, and then in a second, different direction through one of said two cable ports,

wherein said second, different direction is substantially parallel with said substantially vertical axis defined by said shared rail support leg.

14. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 ~~wherein said at least two rail support legs are at least two of at least three rail support legs~~further comprising at least a third additional rail support leg .

Claims 15-16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein each of said cable ports has a diameter that is less than the diameter of a cable end connector.
18. (canceled)
19. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein one of said ~~cable two cable~~ ports is an upper cable port and the other of said cable ports is a lower cable port.
20. (canceled)
21. (canceled)
22. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein ~~said one of said~~ at least one of said two item support rails is a non-horizontal item support rail.
23. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said support apparatus is collapsible.

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49. (canceled)
50. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein, during said rotatable motion of said coupled item support rail about said substantially vertical axis ~~defined by said one of said rail support legs, said pivot, the pivot coupler that couples said coupled item support rails~~ also rotates about said substantially vertical axis.
51. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said first and second compression elements ~~is installed~~ are installed in said oppositely facing orientation around said rail terminus and said portion of said

- ~~one of said rail support legs shared rail support leg, and herein said cable enters said one of said item support rails without pre-drilling of either of said one of said item support rails rail terminus or said portion of said one of said rail support legs shared rail support leg.~~
52. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in ~~claim 13~~ claim 1 wherein said pivot couplers ~~can each be installed~~ are each installable so as to couple ~~a respective said one of said~~ a respective said only one of said item support rails to ~~a respective said one of said rail support legs~~ to said shared rail support leg without pre-drilling of either of said respective support rail or said shared rail support leg. ~~respective rail support leg and wherein said each of said cables passes from externally of said one of aid rail support legs to internally of said one of said item support rails without passing through a drilled hole in said one of said item support rails.~~
 53. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said pivot couplers ~~are installable around~~ are each installable so as to couple a ~~respective said one of said~~ different one of said two item support rails ~~and said one of said rail support legs~~ to said shared rail support leg without ~~drilling pre-~~ drilling of either of said different one of said two item support rails or said shared rail support leg.
 54. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein each of said item support rails coupled to ~~coupled to~~ said one of said rail support legs by one of said pivot couplers is rotatable about said substantially vertical axis.
 55. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
 56. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 50 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
 57. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 51 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
 58. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein each of said item support rails coupled to said one of said rail support legs by one of said pivot couplers is rotatable about said substantially vertical axis.
 59. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 53 wherein each

of said item support rails coupled to said one of said rail support legs by one of said pivot couplers is rotatable about said substantially vertical axis.

60. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers enables independent rotatable motion of the item support rail that it couples to said shared rail support leg independently about said substantially vertical axis.
61. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 54 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers enables independent rotatable motion of the item support rail that it couples to said shared rail support leg independently about said substantially vertical axis.
62. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
63. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 53 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
64. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 54 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.
65. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 60 wherein said each of said two pivot couplers establishes an item support rail opening and a shared rail support leg channel, and wherein said cable channel is established between said item support rail opening and said shared rail support leg channel.